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POLISH 2ND SECRETARY'S REPORT ON LITAUER,
POLISH MINISTER IN WASHINGTON.

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To DEKANOZOV[1].

A second secretary of the Polish Embassy in WASHINGTON, Leon SOBKOWSKI, who has lived for a prolonged period in the Soviet Union and is married to a Soviet citizen, has told me^[1] that the political atmosphere in the Polish Embassy is becoming menacing.

The counsellor and minister of the Embassy, Stefan LITAUER, is striving to group round himself some technical workers, who have remained in the Embassy from the staff of the former ambassador, CIECHANOWSKI, and attract to his side people politically unsure of themselves from among those recently arrived from WARSAW.

According to SOBKOWSKI's statement, LITAUER meets secretly with CIECHANOWSKI and maintains contact with him through a messenger who used to work on the former staff of the Embassy too. LITAUER lived before the war in LONDON, wrote complimentary articles about Colonel BEK, [and] [a] was, according to what SOBKOWSKI said, connected with British Intelligence. By chance the fact

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of LITAUER's connection with American Intelligence in WASHINGTON has been established.

LITAUER is striving

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SOBKOWSKI gave a favourable report of the work of the ambassador, LANGE, and [5 groups unrecovered] removal [SMESHCHENIE]

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T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [1] DEKANOZOV: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

[11] Note that this message was sent in the diplomatic cipher, and was probably originated by one of the senior Soviet diplomats.

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